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SUBJ: DRC MEETING- DRAFT MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

SUMMARY. AT MORNING MEETING MAY 4, DRC BEGAN PROCESS REVIEWING DRC/ WP(73)4 IN HOPES ARRIVING AT AN ACCEPTABLE PAPER SUITABLE FOR MINISTERS. DRC WILL MEET AGAIN MONDAY, MAY 7 AND POSSIBLY TUESDAY, MAY 8 TO COMPLETE FIRST REVIEW, AFTER WHICH A NEW TEXT WILL BE PREPARED BY IS FOR FINAL DRC ACTION ON MAY 21. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHTHER DRC WILL BE ABLE TO REVISE WP4 ADEQUATELY BY EARLY NEXT WEEK; IF NOT PROBABLE OUTCOME WOULD BE AN ABBREVIATED PAPER WHICH WOULD REFER TO AD-70 FINDINGS, SET AN APPROPRIATE RESOURCE LEVEL FOR PLANNING, AND INVITE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACCOUNT OF TECHNOLOGY. END SUMMARY.

1. HUMPHREYS OPENED DISCUSSION WITH BRIEF EXPOSITION TO EFFECT THAT IN IS VIEW IT WAS TIME NOT MERELY TO UPDATE 67 GUIDANCE BUT RATHER TO SUGGEST A NEW SELF-
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CONTAINED PAPER FOR DRC CONSIDERATION. HE IDENTIFIED THE TWO MAIN CHANGES AS A MARKED EMPHASIS ON PRIORITIES IN A PERIOD OF LIMITED RESOURCES AND AN EFFORT TO DEAL WITH THE CONCEPT UNDER WHICH NATO MARITIME FORCES MIGHT

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CARRY ON INDEPENDENT OPERATIONS.

2. IN THE DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED, LEINE (NORWAY) AND PETERS (FRG) REPORTED THEIR CAPITALS AS HAVING FOUND THE DRAFT PAPER INTERESTING AND TIMELY BUT IN NEED OF MUCH DISCUSSION; LEINE DOUBTED WHETHER IT COULD BE ADEQUATELY HANDLED IN THE SHORT TERM. QUINLAN (UK) EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO WORK ON DRAFT, WHICH HE FOUND INTERESTING BUT INCOMPLETE, PARTICULARLY ON MARITIME FORCES, AND IN SOME CASES TOO STARK. QUINLAN WAS JOINED IN THIS VIEW BY BECKETT (CANADA) WHOSE AUTHORITIES FOUND PAPER TIMELY BUT LACKING IN POLITICAL AND MARITIME COVERAGE, AND TO SOME EXTENT TOO HARD- LINE. ROSENTHAL (DENMARK) DOUBTED DRC ABILITY TO MAKE DRAFT ACCEPTABLE FOR MINISTERIAL ACTION IN JUNE, BUT AGREED TO WORK FROM DRAFT. CARSTEN (NETHERLANDS) REPORTED THE HAGUE AS APPRECIATIVE OF DRAFT BUT UNABLE TO DEAL WITH SUCH IMPORTANT MATTERS SO QUICKLY; NEVERTHELESS HE ALSO AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO WORK FROM THE DRAFT. BAYTOK (TURKEY) RAISED USUAL QUESTIONS OF SOVIET MARITIME THREAT TO SOUTHERN FLANK AND NEED FOR EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE. DOUNTAS (GREECE) FOUND OUTLINE AND GENERAL THRUST ACCEPTABLE, BUT DRAFT WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL REVIEW. CABOLET (BELGIUM) FOUND THAT TEXT NEEDED CONSIDERABLE WORK ON STATEMENT OF STRATEGY, BUT AGREED TO WORK FROM TEXT. TYLER (US) REPORTED THAT US VIEWS WERE NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT ADDED ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT IT WAS HIS ESTIMATE THAT ON POINT OF RESOURCES US AUTHORITIES WOULD WISH TO REAFFIRM RESOURCE GUIDANCE ON SAME OR POSSIBLY HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF GNP FOR DEFENSE.

3. SCHORZ (IMS), INDICATING THAT MC HAD NOT YET TAKEN A POSITION ON DRAFT, FOUND DRAFT A FINE PAPER BUT MUCH TOO FAR- REACHING; IT HAD ALREADY BEEN READ BY SOME AS CARRYING MAJOR DEPARTURES FROM AGREED STRATEGY. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT A BASIC NEW LOOK COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT IN A SHORT PERIOD AND SUGGESTED THAT GUIDANCE PAPER
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4. MAY (ACLANT AND ACCHAN) REPORTED BOTH SACLANT AND CINCHAN PERSONALLY DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER DRAFT, WHICH THEY SAW AS DEPARTING SUBSTANTIALLY FROM CURRENTLY AGREED STRATEGY.

5. MILLER (SHAPE) REPORTED SHAPE AS VERY APPREHENSIVE OVER THRUST OF DRAFT, WHICH WAS SEEN AS CHANGING THE STRATEGY. SHAPE FOUND PAPER TOO FAR- REACHING TO BE DEALT WITH SO RAPIDLY; FURTHER SHAPE VIEWS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THERE HAD BEEN SUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW THE PAPER.

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6. HUMPHREYS THEN SUGGESTED DRC ATTEMPT TO DO WHAT IT COULD WITH DRAFT, SECTION BY SECTION. LEINE PROPOSED THAT DRC KEEP IN MIND A CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR AN ABBREVIATED PAPER IN EVENT IT BECAME EVIDENT EARLY THAT RATE OF PROGRESS WOULD NOT PERMIT AN ADEQUATE REVIEW. HUMPHREYS AGREED BUT SUGGESTED THAT DECISION COULD COME ONLY AFTER REASONABLE AMOUNT OF EFFORT ON THE DRAFT.

7. COMMENT: US GUIDANCE MESSAGE, STATE 084484, ARRIVED IN MISSION 1315 HOURS, IN TIME TO PERMIT US REP TO USE IT IN AFTERNOON SESSION MAY 4. RUMSFELD

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